

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BETTY LOU KASTEN**, on January 5, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Delila Croucher, Committee Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Services Division
Lorene Thorson, Legislative Services Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s): Department of Public Health
and Human Services
Executive Action: none

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Informational Testimony:

Laurie Ekanger, Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services, gave a presentation on the agency. A brief illustration of the 1999 legislative proposals for the agency were reviewed. **EXHIBIT(jhh02a01)** The department overview,

mission, goals, organization, staff, agency expenditures, general fund expenditures, benefits, grants and program costs for fiscal years 1998, 2000, and 2001 were discussed as well as key legislation for the upcoming legislative session.

EXHIBIT(jhh02a02)

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Lois Steinbeck and Lorene Thorson presented an overview of the agency budget referenced in the *Legislative Budget Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets - Volume 1*, pages B-1 to B-12. LFD comments were reviewed and briefly discussed.

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The possibility of a subcommittee bill regarding the State contribution to TANF maintenance of effort and non-assumed county contributions to the TANF maintenance of effort being drafted was also discussed. The subcommittee bill would allow revised legislation to be submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

Delila Croucher, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (jhh02aad)